

Workers Compensation Fraud

For more information either refer to the website, <http://www.lni.wa.gov/ClaimsIns/FraudComp/default.asp>
Or contact your local L&I field office

There are three types of fraud or abuse the Department looks for:

- **Injured worker fraud or abuse.** The worker was:
 - Not injured at all
 - Injured somewhere besides work but claiming it was on the job,
 - Doing “inappropriate activities” (one frequent example: playing sports while supposedly too badly injured to work)
 - Working a job while drawing time-loss for disability
- **Health care provider-fraud or abuse.** A doctor may be:
 - Billing for services that weren’t performed
 - Billing for more expensive services than were delivered
 - The one doctor people go to when they want a certain kind of diagnosis to be able to draw workers compensation.
- **Employer fraud or abuse.** An employer may be:
 - Not reporting any or all employees to L&I and therefore getting a “free ride” on insurance at the expense of other employers.
 - Reporting fewer hours than the employees have actually worked.

If you suspect someone is committing fraud and want to make a report to L&I, you may call 1-888-811-5974.

A list of some “red flags”

Claim Fraud: Not injured at work (or not injured at all)

If you see someone who ...

Then...

- Appears to have been injured, but no one else witnessed the accident.
- Gives conflicting stories as to how the injury occurred.
- Appears to have let a lot of time elapse between the injury and the date they first got medical treatment.
- Appears to have sustained the injury while off work.
- Appears to have been injured immediately prior to a planned strike or the completion of a job.
- Appears to have been injured immediately prior to or after a disciplinary action against them.
- Appears to have been injured immediately prior to being terminated from their job.
- Moves out of the state or the country shortly after the alleged injury.
- Appears to have a history of filing multiple claims.

[Report Claim Fraud](#)

or

Call: **1-888-811-5974**

Unfair Benefits Fraud: Doing activities inappropriate for an injured worker

If you see someone who appears to ...

Then...

- Participate in recreational or other activities inconsistent with alleged injury.
- Claim dependents not in his legal/personal custody.
- Claim a spouse when not married.
- Misuse drugs or display drug-seeking behavior (prescription or non-prescription).
- Frequently change doctors ("doctor shopping").

[Report Unfair Benefits Fraud](#)

or

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Disability Fraud: Working while on disability

If you see someone who appears to ...

Then...

- Be working while on time-loss.
- Be regularly away from home during normal business hours.
- Be receiving unemployment benefits while on time-loss.
- Be working and being paid "under the table" while receiving time-loss benefits.
- Be doing "volunteer" work while receiving time-loss benefits.

[Report Disability Fraud](#)

or

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Potential Fraudulent Activity by a Health Care Provider

IF you know a provider who...

Then...

- Bills for treatment on consecutive dates of service for minor allowed conditions.
- Conducts business with the same doctor(s) and attorney(s) that repeatedly have the same questionable claims.
- Bills for services that did not occur.
- Bills for different services than were received.

[Report Health Care Provider Fraud](#)

or

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Potential Fraudulent Activity by an Employer

IF you know an employer who...

Then...

- Is operating a business without the proper license or registration and has workers.
- Pays workers in cash and doesn't give them any kind of payroll stub.
- Gives workers a 1099 form instead of the standard W-2.
- Submits bids on jobs well below the industry standard.
- Pays workers other than in cash or check, by such things as free rent, reimbursement of expenses, barter, etc.
- Has a large number of corporate officers listed for the firm, and all work at the firm.
- Does not maintain or report complete and accurate employee payroll information.
- Pays workers on a piece work basis and does not record hours.
- Requires employees to work long hours but turns in fewer hours than they actually worked.
- Has a worker who gets injured on the job, and the employer promises to pay the doctor and medical bills rather than report the accident to L&I.
- Reports hours on and injured worker's accident report that do not match the hours the employer reported to L&I.
- Has workers who find they do not qualify for unemployment insurance because the employer under-reported their hours.
- Hires their own kids to work for the firm (other than on a family farm).
- Has several "corporate officers" who do not exercise control of the business operations.

[Report Employer Premium Fraud](#)

or

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